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## **Mexico**

## **Avocado**

## **Final Rule on Modification to NOM-066-FITO-2002:**

## **Specifications for the Phytosanitary Movement of**

## **Avocado**

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### **Report Highlights:**

The Secretariat of Agriculture, Livestock, Rural Development, Fishery and Food (SAGARPA) published in Mexico's "*Diario Oficial*" (Federal Register) the final rule NOM-066-FITO-2002 that establishes the specifications for the movement of avocado for the export and domestic markets.

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Includes PSD changes: No  
Includes Trade Matrix: No  
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**Introduction:** This report summarizes a final regulation published in Mexico's "*Diario Oficial*" (Federal Register) on May 21, 2002.

**Disclaimer:** This summary is based on a  *cursory* review of the subject announcement and therefore should not, under any circumstances, be viewed as a definitive reading of the regulation in question, or of its implications for U.S. agricultural export trade interests. In the event of a discrepancy or discrepancies between this summary and the complete regulation or announcement as published in Spanish, the latter shall prevail.

**FAS/Mexico's Executive Summary:** Specifically, the final rule establishes the phytosanitary requirements and specifications for the movement of avocados intended for export and domestic markets. Processing, packaging, trading facilities, supply centers, and other areas devoted to avocado production designated by SAGARPA will be subject to this rule. With this rule, the Government of Mexico (GOM) intends to provide the Mexican avocado sector with a suitable phytosanitary and technical platform through which it can increase production and improve the quality of avocado fruits for both the domestic and export markets.

Among the most important features, the rule establishes the following areas free of the avocado weevil pest:

, Uruapan, Periban de Ramos, Tancitaro, Salvador Escalante, Nuevo Parangaricutiro, Ario de Rosales y Taretan counties in the State of Michoacan.

Also, production areas in all states that are not included under the pest-free status are considered to be quarantine areas.

To protect pest-free areas, SAGARPA has established five verification points in the state of Michoacan. The verification points are:

County	Verification Point ID
Uruapan	San Lorenzo
Ziracuaretiro	Ziracuaretiro
Tingambato	Tingambato
Salvador Escalante	Opopeo
Morelia	Morelia

**Additional information:**

Authorized independent verification units will conduct inspections in groves, processing and packing facilities, distribution centers, supply centers and trade facilities to verify compliance with this official norm at any time and without prior notice. For packing facilities, on-site verifications will be held every six months to ensure compliance with the regulations established in this NOM.

The phytosanitary certificate for domestic movement can be granted by the authorized verification unit, once compliance with the established procedures has been verified. However, the international phytosanitary certificate can only be granted by official government authorities and is to be based on the prior validation granted by the authorized verification unit. Movement of avocado fruits for either the domestic and/or export markets can only be made when accompanied by the appropriate phytosanitary certificate.

This NOM overrules all previous and existing publications regarding the movement of avocado fruits.

**Title:** Mexican Official Norm NOM-066-FITO-2002. "Specifications for the Phytosanitary Movement of Avocado Fruits."

**Type of Regulation:** Final

**Background:** This regulation is a modification of a final regulation published in 1996.

DATE	ACTION	FAS Rept #
10/25/95	Quick Analysis on draft "NOM-066-FITO-1995, Requirements and specifications for the mobilization of avocado fruits for export and domestic markets."	n/a
10/03/96	Publication of Final Rule "NOM-066-FITO-1995, Requirements and specifications for the mobilization of avocado fruits for export and domestic markets."	MX6119
08/01/01	Proposal to Modify "NOM-066-FIT0-2001, Requirements and phytosanitary specifications for the mobilization of avocado fruits for export and domestic markets."	MX1118

**Important Dates**

**1. Publication Date:** May 21, 2002.

**2. Effective Date:** May 22, 2002

**Products Affected:** Avocado fruit (*Persea* spp.)

**Agency in Charge:** Secretariat of Agriculture, Livestock, Rural Development, Fisheries and Food. (SAGARPA)

**Other Regulations Involved:** To apply this regulation the following official regulations should be considered.

\* NOM-022-FITO-1995: Notice for implementation and certification of individuals and companies interested in getting registered to provide phytosanitary treatment to vegetables, vegetable products and by-products for importation, exportation or movement. Published on January 2, 1997.

\* NOM-069-FITO-1995: "Establishment and certification of areas free of pests." Published on November 18, 1998.

\* The agreement that declares Uruapan, Salvador Escalante, Periban de Ramos, Tancitaro y Nuevo Parangaricutiro as free areas of the avocado weevil (*Heilipus lauri*) (*Conotrachelus aguacatae* and *C. perseae*) and of the avocado seed moth (*Stenoma catenifer*), was published on February 2, 2000 in the Mexican Federal Register (Diario Oficial).

\* The agreement that declares Ario de Rosales and Taretan as free areas of the avocado weevil (*Heilipus lauri*) (*Conotrachelus aguacatae* and *C. perseae*) and of the avocado seed moth (*Stenoma catenifer*), was published on November 21, 2001 in the Mexican Federal Register (Diario Oficial).

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